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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/018,061	Applicant(s) BAILEY ET AL.	
	Examiner Bruce F. Bell	Art Unit 1746	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 July 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>12/14/01</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hiai et al (5865967).

Hiai et al disclose a mother plate (cathode plate) having a V-shaped groove construction wherein the V-shaped groove is made to have an angle of between 60° and 120°. See col. 3, lines 9-12. The mother plate is made of stainless steel and has a v-shaped groove having an angle of 90° on the side surface of the edge. See Figure 1 and Example 1. The cathode plate is used in an electrolyte liquid having sulfuric acid, copper, nickel and bismuth where the cathode plate is coated with high purity copper material. After the deposition process the electro-deposited copper is peeled from the cathode plate in a conventional manner. See col. 4, lines 10-32.

Hiai et al anticipates the applicant's instant apparatus and method as set forth in the instant claims. Applicant's instant novelty is that the bottom edge of the cathode plate is a groove having sides that are between 75 and 150°, that when made in this manner yields an electro-deposited film that when formed on the cathode plate will separate off the plate equally by way of a line of weakness

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in the film. The prior art Hiai et al by the nature of design, will inherently have those properties, since the range and the specific example as set forth in Example 1, shows the angle to be 90° . Therefore, since applicant's instant cathode plate and that of the prior art invention have the same angle, the instant cathode as set forth in the instant claims has been met by that of the prior art of Hiai et al which inherently has the same feature as instantly claimed. The method of electro-depositing using a cathode plate having a groove of the same dimensions as that of the prior art cathode will also inherently electro-deposit the material in the same manner as set forth in the instant claims, since it appears that the electrode design aids in the deposition and removal of the electro-deposited material.

Therefore the prior art of Hiai et al anticipates the applicant's instant invention as set forth above.

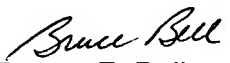
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bruce F. Bell whose telephone number is 571-272-1296. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:30 AM - 3:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Barr can be reached on 571 272-1414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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